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H1N1 targets younger population, death toll rises

Health Services urges students to receive vaccinations, prevent infection

KAREN MARTIN
Lifestyles Editor

It comes each year, often taking on new forms, but this year, the flu is making its rounds and can cause fatalities for young and middle age adults.

Among the strains spreading this season is H1N1, which has a tendency to cause serious illness in young, healthy adults, according to Kim White, director of SIUE's nurse-managed WE CARE Clinic in St. Louis.

"It's very important that [students] get a flu shot. It is hitting younger adults, and in cases severe enough, it can cause death," White said. "The problem is, college age students are still at that time where they think they're invincible. You would think that the potential for being put on a respirator or hospitalized or the potential for death would be a great motivator."

SIUE Health Services has diagnosed a case of influenza A this week, according to an email announcement from Doug McIlhagga, the director of University Marketing and Communications. Influenza A has many subgroups, including H1N1, and this year's Trivalent and Quadrivalent flu shots both have vaccines against that strain.

According to a news release from Barnes Jewish Hospital, there have been nine deaths in the area resulting from the flu. The reported deaths occurred mainly in young and middle age healthy adults, between the ages of 25 and 49 years, who had not been vaccinated against the flu.

The news release also stated that 35 patients, some transferred from other hospitals, have had cases severe enough for intensive care. Patients in intensive care have experienced kidney shutdown or require ventilators for breathing assistance.

SIUE Health Services' Charge Nurse Nancy Heimann said along with the flu, patients are contracting pneumonia as a complication, which is causing more stress on the lungs.

"They're getting the flu, and unfortunately, many are getting pneumonia. So you have a double whammy in your

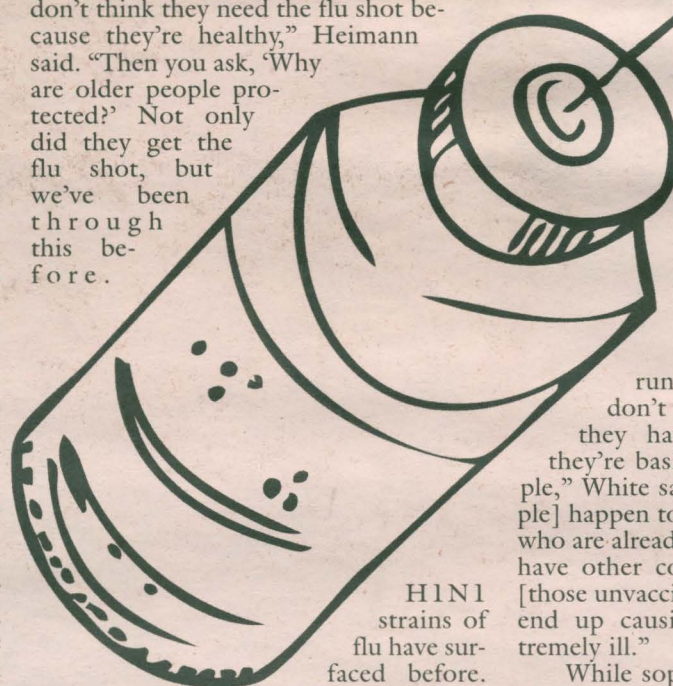
lungs," Heimann said. "They are basically going into respiratory arrest. Their lungs are in such bad shape, they can't breathe on their own."

Heimann said the reason behind why healthy, young adults are coming down with H1N1, while older adults remain less affected is because H1N1 has surfaced in the past, and those who were initially infected or had the shot may have antibodies present.

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Director of SIUE's nurse-managed
WE CARE Clinic

"What do healthy people do? They don't think they need the flu shot because they're healthy," Heimann said. "Then you ask, 'Why are older people protected?' Not only did they get the flu shot, but we've been through this before."



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was in 2009."

The flu shot is a good measure for protection, but Heimann said this does not guarantee prevention. The purpose of the flu shot is to build antibodies so that in case of exposure, the body is equipped to fight off the illness. Having this supply puts people in a better position if they do

become infected with H1N1.

"Usually what we tell people is that any flu vaccine is going to, at minimum, decrease your symptoms. It doesn't 100 percent say you're not going to get the flu," Heimann said. "For a lot of people, it does prevent the flu because your body builds antibodies, so it fights it all."

In any environment where people are heavily concentrated, the potential for a virus to spread increases greatly. This is one of the reasons freshman social work major Aaliyah Birge, of St. Louis, said she got the shot.

"I did it because we're around so many different people here. You might as well get [the shot]," Birge said.

The dense environment at SIUE can also be dangerous for students who are unable to get a shot or have a compromised immune system. Ac-

cording to White, herd immunity, which is a general immunity within a population based on a high proportion of those already immune, is what protects immunocompromised people. As more students receive a vaccine, the risk is reduced for those who could be more susceptible.

"The problem is, you run into the fact that if we don't have herd immunity, and they haven't had the flu shot, they're basically exposing other people," White said. "If [unvaccinated people] happen to have people around them who are already immunocompromised or have other complicating health issues, [those unvaccinated people are] going to end up causing them to become extremely ill."

While sophomore geography major Rachel Whalen, of Jacksonville, does not have a condition known to weaken her immune system, she said she does have a weak immune system, which is why she gets the flu shot each year.

"I just get sick at the drop of a hat," Whalen said. "If somebody is severely sick, then I always steer clear of them."

The idea of needles may scare a per-

son away from the shot, but both Heimann and White encourage students to become vaccinated because of how serious this year's flu season is. If a student cannot stand a shot,

there are nasal mists available instead; however, these are not offered at Health Services or Walgreens.

Other precautions to take this season are for students to avoid others who are sick, to not attend school or work if they become ill and to frequently wash their hands.

Not only is White the director of SIUE's nurse-managed WE CARE Clinic, she also teaches public health nursing and said she recognizes how difficult it can be for students to miss classes. However, it is important to be responsible and not risk exposing others to illness.

"Try and work something out. I know for myself, I have tried to come up with alternative assignments for students or given them an online lecture to watch," White said. "Being in healthcare, I don't want people coming in sick."

Some swear by vitamin C, and while it may boost the immune system, Heimann said the body can only absorb so much, and the rest is flushed out.

"You can take about 500 milligrams a day. Anything over that is just going to be excreted," Heimann said.

White emphasizes that the flu shot is extremely important, despite how healthy a person thinks he or she is.

"It's severe, and it seems to be getting worse. The flu season tends to continue through February and into March. That's a lot of time yet," White said.

Students interested in making an appointment for a flu shot can call their healthcare provider, local pharmacy or Health Services 618-650-2843.

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SIUE Nursing Services changes its name, changes with the field

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The SIUE Community Nursing Services in East St. Louis has been renamed to the SIUE WE CARE Clinic as it looks forward to broad changes in health care to better provide for their patients.

The clinic in East St. Louis was established to offer affordable and comprehensive care and services to St. Clair and Madison counties as well as to educate students in professional health care careers. While the clinic's mission remains the same, the name was

changed as a response to necessary forward-movements in health care.

In the past, the SIUE Com-

munity Nursing Services focused more on community outreach and pediatrics. Now, the clinic offers primary care from nurse

practitioners in addition to its community health outreach. Kim White, the SIUE WE CARE Clinic executive director, said that the name change came about when the clinic decided to broaden its operations.

"We felt that since we were changing the direction of what we were going to be offering, we felt we needed a name that would better reflect us and our approach," White said. "We've been a nurse-managed clinic in East St. Louis since between 1988 through 1990. So we've been here a long time, we are a part of this community, and we do care."

The SIUE WE CARE Clinic now provides educational and wellness services. The clinic is staffed with advanced practice nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialist faculty who partner closely with local residents, health care providers and agencies to identify and meet the health needs of the community in an affordable and inclusive way. For more information, the SIUE WE CARE Clinic can be reached at 482-6959.

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SIUE POLICE BLOTTER

1-16-14

An officer escorted Victoria A. Alexander to the police department where she was arrested for driving under the influence. Alexander was issued multiple citations, including: DUI, improper lane usage on a one-way street, driving while using an electronic device, driving too fast for conditions and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Alexander was fingerprinted, photographed, processed and released after posting her driver's license and \$100 cash for bond.

An officer issued a written warning for driving while using an electronic communication device. The offense occurred on Cougar Lake Drive.

An officer met with a student who said someone stole paperwork about her bank account from her apartment at 405 Cougar Village.

1-17-14

An officer arrested Sydney A. Ponitz for unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor. Ponitz was transported to the SIUE police department where she was fingerprinted, photographed and processed. Ponitz was issued a notice to appear and was escorted back to Woodland Hall.

An officer met with a Cougar Village resident who reported that while at another residence she felt threatened by a group of females. The officer attempted to make contact with other parties involved. No further information.

An officer responded to 425 Cougar Village regarding a mother calling requesting a welfare check on her son. The officer advised there was no answer at the door. Housing was contacted to meet the officer at the apartment with a key. The officer advised they made contact with the resident and everything was fine.

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An officer issued a citation to Christopher S. Schrader for speeding 65 mph in a 45 mph speed zone. The offense occurred on South University Drive at Stadium Drive.

1-18-14

Officers responded to North University Drive near Lewis Road for a report of a two-vehicle accident. An officer advised that there were no injuries or road blockage. Both vehicles were towed from the scene. An officer issued a citation to Patrick J. Pranger for failure to yield at an intersection.

An officer responded to Lot A to take a report of a stolen saxophone that occurred around 6:15 p.m.

1-19-14

An officer did a welfare check on a resident of Prairie Hall that had not been answering her phone or her door. The subject was not in her room when the officers checked. Witnesses stated they had seen her at the MUC within the past 30 minutes. Officers responded to the MUC to see if they could locate her, but did not make contact. Officers left a note with the front desk at Prairie Hall to have her call the police department when she comes in.

An officer issued a citation to Austin M. Greer for disobeying a stop sign at South Circle Drive at Lot C and unlawful number of passengers.

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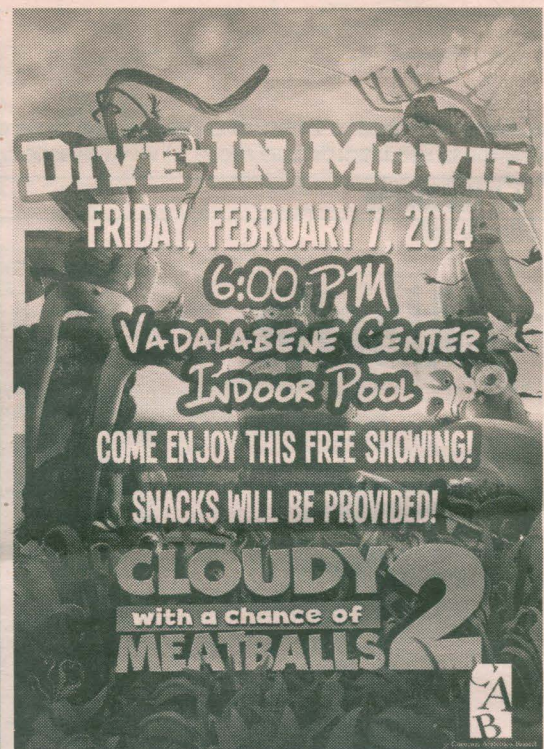
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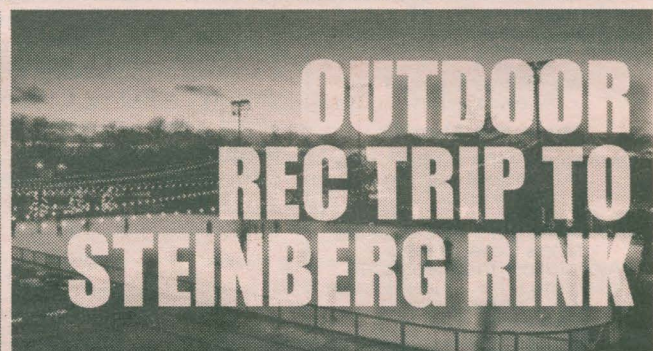
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Public breastfeeding ruins sex appeal, my appetite

While Americans are constantly surrounded by sex, there is still such a cultural ideal that dictates what is considered normal, appropriate, beautiful or taboo, and I like that.



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Lifestyles Editor

I like that a woman's body is considered a work of art, celebrated, but moderately concealed in our culture so the mystery and allure remains. Erasing some of these boundaries could jeopardize the Americanized Venus and American propriety, especially in the case of public breastfeeding.

I'm not saying that all public breastfeeding is bad. Women running errands may not have a choice as to when or where to feed their newborn. The issue really comes into play

in a restaurant setting. The fact is, as wonderful as a woman's natural biology is, it's not something everyone wants to see, and it can sometimes take away her sex appeal.

Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder, and certainly for some, the idea of a woman nursing her child is beautiful and can be considered sexy. But for most Americans, "sexy" is marketed differently. It's more about aesthetics and less about function or utility, which is usually not a pretty sight.

Even if there were well-produced images of a woman nursing her child that united form and function, that image would be much more elegant than the reality seen in a restaurant for example. It would still be idealistic. And, eventually, seeing too much of the reality may ruin the bedroom fantasy.

Beyond subconsciously reducing sex appeal, there is something fundamentally

unrefined about breastfeeding a baby in a restaurant. And, while she may have a blanket over her, it still seems improper.

Reality is inescapable at a restaurant. Once seated, everyone is pretty immobile, especially on a weekend night. The choices of where to sit are usually pretty limited, so when assigned a table to enjoy a nice date night, you see a woman at the table next to yours breastfeeding, it takes some of that ambience away, subtly desensitizing us all. Once seen, it can't be unseen, even after looking in a different direction.

I'm still a traditionalist and a believer in maintaining a small sense of etiquette and manners at the dinner table. Elbows on the table, talking with a full mouth, political and religious discussions, poor attire and breastfeeding are not appropriate table manners, both in public or even when hosting an in-home dinner party.

Of course, a woman

breastfeeding in a restaurant setting gives every food service worker something to talk about that evening. Having worked in food service for a number of years, I've heard comments on both sides of the debate and have seen guys sneak peeks. I suppose it could become normal, but once again, I don't feel it's appropriate at the table and it becomes an increasing distraction as workers camp in the back rather than serve their guests.

Most women don't want to be treated as objects, but a lot of them certainly want to feel sexually desired. It's clear I'm no feminist and I think that some feminist movements can be damaging to womanhood. Preserving some of these sexual ideals and traditions can make us feel a healthy pride in our sexual beauty.

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If public breastfeeding causes discomfort, deal with it

The female body is a beautiful creation and yet many people still cringe at the sight of a woman breastfeeding in public. Turn on HBO or Cinemax and you'll see women exposing themselves pretty often. It isn't difficult to see female breasts on a daily basis when advertisements for any media outlet contain scantily-clad women.



Hailey Huffines
Managing Editor

It is hard for me to understand why people still ostracize a woman for publicly breastfeeding her children, while exposing her breast during events like Mardi Gras is more than acceptable.

I think the problem with our society is that we see a woman's body as nothing more than a sexual tool for men. A woman's body carries and gives life. No one would be here without his or her mother.

Whether you were breastfed or not as a child, women's breasts carry sustenance to feed a living, breathing human being, which is the primary function of the female breasts. It makes no sense why a woman's breasts are so taboo when she decides to use them to breastfeed her child, even in a public place.

Take a restaurant setting: women who breastfeed are probably going to use a place like a restaurant to feed their children while seated. However, the stigma against public breastfeeding pushes women to take their children either out to the parking lot or to the public restroom. Women shouldn't have to resort to hiding in a dirty, bacteria-infested public bathroom or outside the restaurant just so they can breastfeed their children.

If someone has a problem with a woman breastfeeding right beside them, then they shouldn't look in her direction. It's as simple as turning away and ignoring it altogether.

While some people may see breastfeeding as poor etiquette or a distraction to others, the

real reason those people have a problem with public breastfeeding is because they cannot see breasts as anything but objects for sexual pleasure. A woman using her breasts in a way that is not sexual, but for providing nourishment is viewed as inappropriate, and that is downright preposterous. It says a lot about our society and how we view women.

Breastfeeding has been around for as long as people have and will continue to be around for years to come. Because a woman wants to breastfeed her child in a public place should not make her a bad person. Society deems the act of breastfeeding as if it were some unholy abomination.

In many countries, breastfeeding is widely accepted, legally protected but done discreetly, or done in secret due to religious or political reasoning. However, each country varies with public breastfeeding and while some places legally protect mothers against any discrimination, women still feel pressure to be discreet about breastfeeding

their children in a restaurant or other public places.

According to culturalbreastfeeding.webs.com, countries like Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda and Zambia encourage public breastfeeding. Sri Lanka, Nepal, India, Switzerland, Netherlands and Belgium also accept public breastfeeding. The majority of the countries in Central America and South America also support public breastfeeding, as well as Mexico.

Australia does not support breastfeeding in restaurants, but recently a law was established to protect mothers who breastfeed from discrimination, and in New Zealand public breastfeeding is protected and supported.

It is a woman's right to be able to nurse her child in public, and for people to make such a ruckus about her breasts rather than acknowledge that she is feeding a child is, again, a sign of our uneducated society.

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FOTAD'S

SEASON FOR THE CHILD BEGINS YEAR WITH 'THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE'

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Friends of Theater and Dance, a scholarship fundraising organization for SIUE's Department of Theater and Dance, will hold its quarterly production for A Season for the Child, a family-oriented program, with an interactive performance of C.S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."

The production will be put on by the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis' Imaginary Theatre Company, a small traveling group of performers. This production of the classic C.S. Lewis story has a special twist: The interactive show will focus on and attract a wider preteen audience. President of FOTAD Kate Slovinski said this is an opportune time to reach youth who are not yet teens, but are also not small children.

"This isn't to say that small children won't find something enjoyable," Slovinski said. "This is something for the whole family, as always, but we're

not leaving out special attention to preteens, that tender and hard time for kids."

Slovinski said she hopes this show will inspire this age group to become more engaged and involved in the arts, as well.

"We hope that this show will ignite that next step for kids, whether that's music, dance, or theater," Slovinski said. "Maybe one of the kids will see the set and think, 'That's really neat; I'd like to do that.'"

The Imaginary Theatre Company is a small, traveling group of performers who do double duty in both performance and set maintenance. SIUE's Dunham Hall will provide the space and lighting for the production, but the company does the rest, including its own sound and costuming.

Slovinski said that the demand on these company members is amazing.

"It's incredible to see these artists not only produce a wonderful performance, but keep up with the rigor of loading in and loading out," Slovinski said.

A Season for the Child is offered multiple times a year as a way to not only fundraise for scholarships, but also to give audiences of all ages the opportunity to come together to enjoy an affordable theater production. Slovinski said that this recurring production is one of the many reasons she is glad to be involved in the organization.

"Every time we offer A Season for the Child, I can go into the theater and see why I'm involved with theater education," Slovinski said. "There is at least that one child that you can see the wonder cross their face and a family enjoying something together. It reaffirms why it is that I love what I do."

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" will be performed at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 in Dunham Hall. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available through the box office at 650-2774. Proceeds will benefit FOTAD's Merit Award Program that benefits current theater and dance students at SIUE.

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Nunn wins OVC Player of the Week after leading Cougars to two victories

BEN LEVIN
Alestle Reporter

After making a game-winning play against Austin Peay on Thursday, junior guard Rozell Nunn dropped 20 points on Ohio Valley Conference West leader Murray State to help give the Cougars a 67-60 victory Saturday afternoon.

Head Coach Lennox Forrester said, after the game, that Nunn is stepping up for the team at the right time and explained how Nunn's play has evolved during the year.

"I think he's fallen into the groove now as far as what needs to be done," Forrester said. "Earlier in the season, I was telling him to be more aggressive offensively. I was very honest with him when I told him I didn't trust him defensively because he wasn't very focused defensively. Now he's doing a great job."

Nunn, a junior college transfer student who last played at Hutchinson Community College, was honored for his efforts by being named the first-ever OVC Player of the Week from SIUE and was also named the Newcomer of the Week in the conference. Nunn was quick to give credit to his teammates and said the team's defense helped them score easy buckets.

"We executed defensively most importantly and offense comes [with that]," Nunn said. "[Junior guard Kris Davis] really got off to a bad start, but he got some clutch buckets for us and [senior guard Christian Salecich] hit some jumpers."

After losing a lead late in the first half, the Cougars found themselves down towards the end of the second half. With less than nine minutes left to play, SIUE had the deficit down to two points and Murray State called a timeout, allowing for the Cougars to draw up a play. SIUE executed and gave Salecich a 3-pointer at the top of the key that contributed to a 54-53 lead that the team held onto until the end of the game.

Salecich scored 13 total points for the Cougars, while going 4-7 from the field, which included going 3-3 from behind the 3-point arc. Salecich said that everyone on the team is capable of big nights, and it was just his turn.

"The guys did a fantastic job executing, and it just happened to be my night," Salecich said. "[Junior guard Maurice Wiltz] has been

shooting the hell out of the ball. It just happened to fall tonight. Rozell hit shots tonight; we all did. When things get falling for us, when we move the ball really well, and guys get open shots, we look really good. It just felt good to get into the flow of the game and get other guys involved as well."

Defensively, the Cougars were able to limit a team that averages 78.2 points per game to only 60 points, while getting nine steals and three blocks. Forrester said the team found what they were looking for defensively with a 2-3 zone.

"[Murray State] was on such a great momentum as far as attack, and we just wanted to throw them out of rhythm a bit, and it just so happened that we probably played more zone," Forrester said. "We've played more zone this year than I ever wanted to, but when things are working for you; we're just going to stick with it, and we stuck with it all the way down the stretch."

One of the biggest challenges the players knew they would have defensively was stopping Murray State's freshman sensation Cameron Payne, who leads their team with 15 points per game and averages 19 points per game against OVC opponents. Forrester said the Cougars got a little lucky that Payne found foul trouble early on, but his defense did well to hold Payne to only nine points in the game.

"We tried to treat him like a cannon," Forrester said. "He is very good, very deadly. As their team goes, he goes and [vice versa]. We tried to slow him down a little bit, and it just so happened that he shot the ball poorly tonight. I give credit to our guys, but some of it, too, was because he picked up some fouls and had to sit for a while."

One of the oddities of the game for the Cougars was the lack of 3-point shots taken. The team took only 10 3-pointers in the game, an extremely low number for a college basketball team, but made five of the 3-pointers they tried. Forrester said the lack of 3-pointers was due to the makeup of the team.

"We haven't shot the ball very well at all from the 3-point line all year," Forrester said. "We can't just settle on taking threes. If we were lights-out shooters, most definitely 10 is too low. We have to settle more for getting the basketball into the lane and the basketball in to our big guys."

With the victory over Murray State, the



Rozell Nunn [23] was named the OVC Player of the Week after putting up 35 combined points in the teams win. | Photo by Christian Lee/Alestle

Cougars are 3-3 in the conference and 6-3 at the Vadalabene Center. Forrester said he has to look at the home record from both a positive and negative angle.

"Our fans make it fun for us to play at home," Forrester said. "[Saturday] was a great atmosphere for us, and I thought our guys played with a lot of energy because of the fans. At the same time, we have to go out on the road and play tougher. We can't make the same

types of mistakes that we may make at home on the road."

SIUE shot themselves up to second place in the OVC West with the victory. The Cougars' next game is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, when the team will travel to play Southeast Missouri State University.

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Cougars in fourth place after splitting with Murray State and Austin Peay



The SIUE women's basketball team huddle around each other before the start of the Murray State game. The team beat the Racers 71-67. | Photo by Christian Lee/Alestle

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The SIUE women's basketball team ended a four-game losing streak with a victory Saturday against Murray State, but were unable to follow that up with a victory, losing to Austin Peay on Monday.

On Saturday, freshman guard Alexis Chappelle hit four crucial free throws in the closing seconds of the game to help the Cougars hold on for a 71-67 victory. While the team was relying on Chappelle to finish the game, junior guard Tierny Austin, who leads the team with 13.3 points per game, scored 17 points on the Racers (8-10 overall, 1-5 Ohio Valley Conference) to lead all Cougars' scorers.

The Cougars came out running on all cylinders against Murray State, jumping out to an early 11-0 lead, but found their lead gone, soon after as the Racers were able to go on an 11-point run to even the game at 11-11. Throughout the first half, the score remained close, with SIUE

shooting 40 percent from the field and Murray State going 7-16 from behind the 3-point arc.

In the second half, Austin and freshman forward Micah Jones went off for SIUE, scoring 10 points apiece and making better than 60 percent of its shots, but it was junior forward Ashley Capotosto who stepped up for the Cougars to help them gain a lead.

Starting at the 13:20 mark of the second half, Capotosto scored seven straight points for SIUE, which included a jump shot with nine minutes left in the game that gave the Cougars a 47-45 lead that they would hold until the end of the game.

The Cougars were on the bad end of a first-half run on Monday when they went up against Austin Peay (6-13 overall, 3-3 OVC), who stormed out of the gates with a 27-4 lead. When the first half had ended, SIUE players found themselves down 42-22, with 17 turnovers, and only five players with a basket.

The second half was a completely different story for the Cougars, who scored 45 points in the half. Despite the massive improvement on the offense, the Cougars were not able to get the deficit under 10 points until less than a minute was left in the game. They lost the game 77-67.

The Cougars had three players finish the game in double-digit scoring, with Austin leading the game with 21 points while shooting 10-21 from the field. Austin Peay was helped by center Terra Banks, who scored 19 points and grabbed seven rebounds in an effort that was good enough to give her the Freshman of the Week Award in the OVC.

After the games, the team found itself with a 2-5 conference record to go with its 5-14 record overall, good enough for 4th place in the OVC West Division. SIUE's next game is at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at UT Martin.

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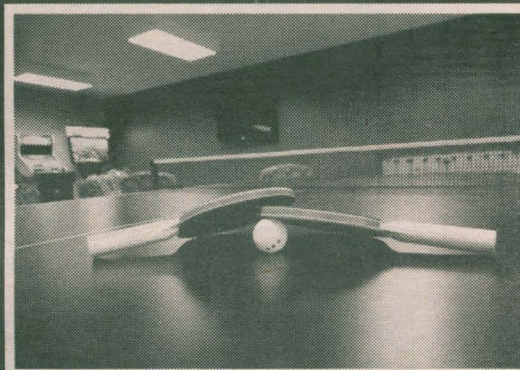
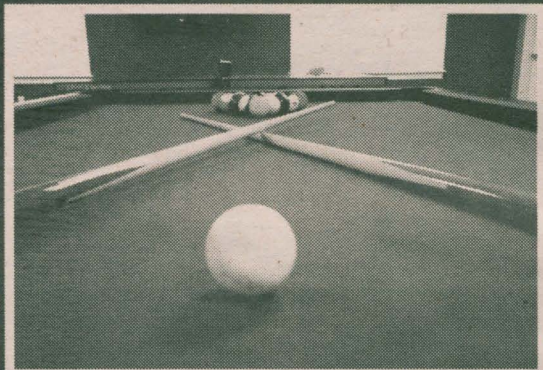
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Kimmel Leadership Center takes on new name, new outlook

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The Kimmel Leadership Center in the Morris University Center has officially changed its name to the Kimmel Student Involvement Center to better represent the opportunities found through this resource.

The Kimmel Leadership Center was named in honor of Carol Kimmel in 1990. Kimmel was a member of the SIUE Board of Trustees from 1977-1989 and was recognized for her commitment and involvement in education and the community.

The center is now changing focus in its name while still honoring Kimmel by keeping her name in the title.

Director of the Kimmel Student Involvement Center Kelly Jo Karnes said that the name change came about after she was hired last summer as the director of student involvement.

"Kimmel Leadership Center, to me, meant that students needed to be a leader in order to use the



services of the office," Karnes said. "It was not very clear what the office does and encompasses. We think that 'student involvement' better describes what we do and explains that, if you want to get involved, this is where you go."

The Kimmel Student Involvement Center offers many organizational, volunteer and leadership opportunities for SIUE students.

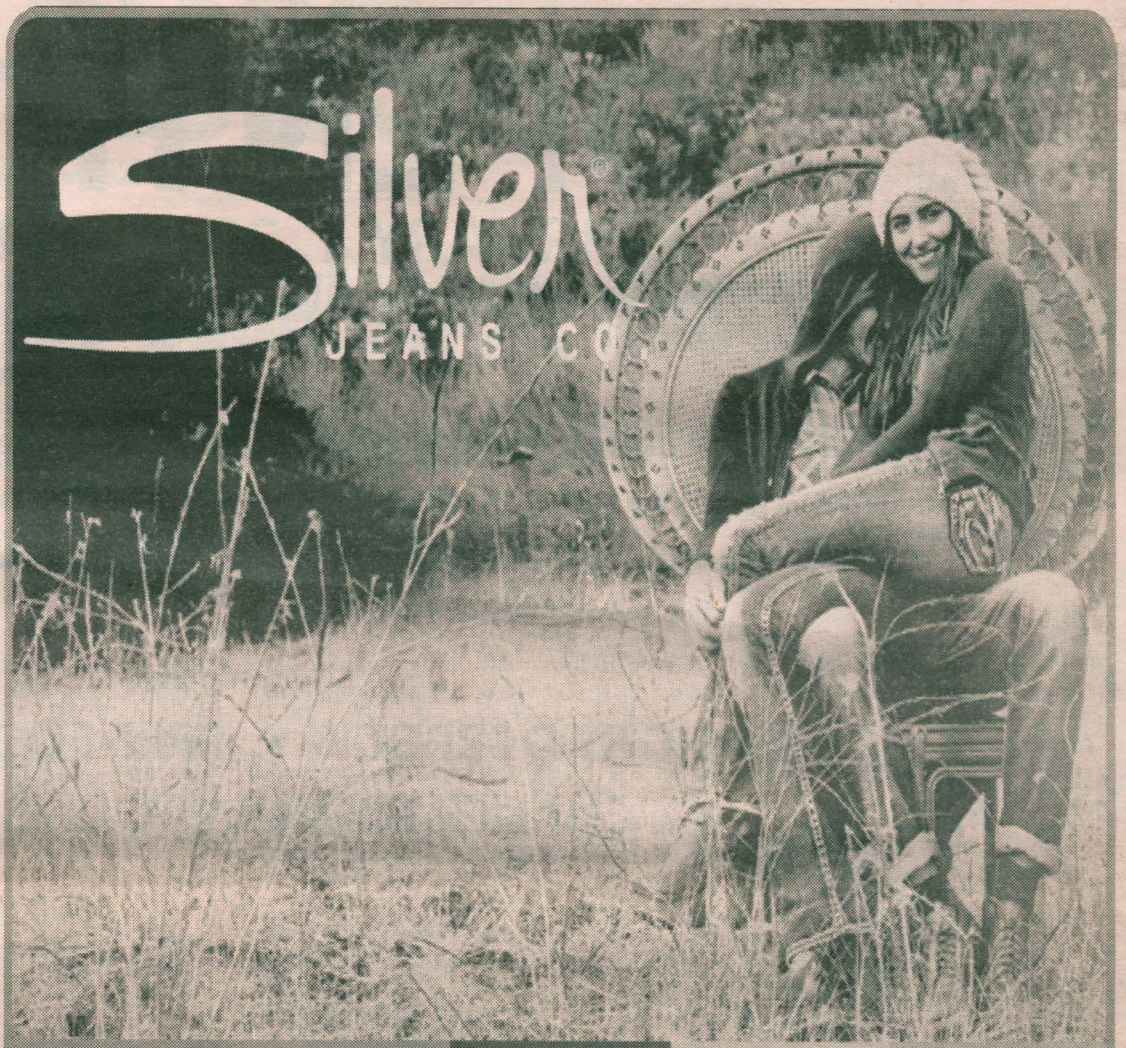
The center also oversees the activities and logistics of the fraternities and sororities, Student Government, Campus Activities Board, Student Legal Services, Student Leadership Development Program, Community Engagement and student organizations.

For more information, call the Kimmel Student Involvement Center office at 650-2686.

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